Remarks

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action mailed October 6, 2004, applicants elected Group III while reserving the right to file continuation and divisional patent applications directed to the non-elected claims. Group III was identified by the Examiner as including claims 38 and 39, drawn to a patient support, classified in Class 180, subclass 15. Additionally, new claims 40-79 were added. Claims 40-45 depend from claim 38 and claims 46-50 depend from claim 39 and therefore these new claims 40-70 by this dependency would be included in Group III. New claims 51-79 were also added. Claims 51-79 are all directed to a patient support. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 51-79 are part of the elected Group III. Applicants submit that all of claims 38-79 are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended claim 55 to correct an informality. The amendment should not be considered a narrowing amendment.

If necessary, applicants request that this response be considered a request for an extension of time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Applicants request that any required fees needed beyond those submitted with this response be charged to the deposit account of Bose McKinney & Evans, Deposit Account No. 02-3223.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below should any question or comments arise during the course of consideration of this matter.

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